<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-27 and 29-72 were pending up to this Amendment.

Claims 1-27 and 29-72 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Claims 49-72 are cancelled.

Claims 1-27 and 29-48 are pending as a result of this Amendment.

Per the restriction required in the Office Action dated 6/1/05, Applicants elect without traverse claims 1-27 and 29-48, which the Examiner identified as "Group I" claims "drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 649." Applicants have cancelled claims 49-72 and will pursue them in a later-filed related application. Accordingly, Applicants request that claims 49-72 be cancelled without prejudice.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are allowable and respectfully request their allowance. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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